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Summary of Events*
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The USSR has offered to supply Uruguay with equipment to expand its main thermal electric powerplant. Eighty percent of the total estimated cost of \$10.5 million would be paid for in Uruguayan products and the remainder under a 6-year credit.

Communist China has offered Algeria a \$50 million, interest-free credit for economic and technical assistance. Although the projects for which the credit is intended have not been announced, some budgetary assistance may be contemplated.

The Council of Ministers of the Somali Republic has accepted a Soviet credit offer of about \$28 million for military aid. Details of the agreement are not available, but Somali has been seeking heavy weapons, armor, communications equipment, and aircraft. About 50 Somali Army personnel are in their second year of training in the USSR, and an additional group of more than 100 Army officers and NCO trainees has just departed for Moscow.

On 7 October, Pakistan and the USSR signed a civil air agreement providing for reciprocal landing and overflight privileges and for the right to operate through each other's territory to third countries.

* This issue of the Biweekly Report contains a special annex on Bloc economic activity in Cuba during January-September 1963, beginning on p. 4.

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